

French Broad Street (SR 1544)

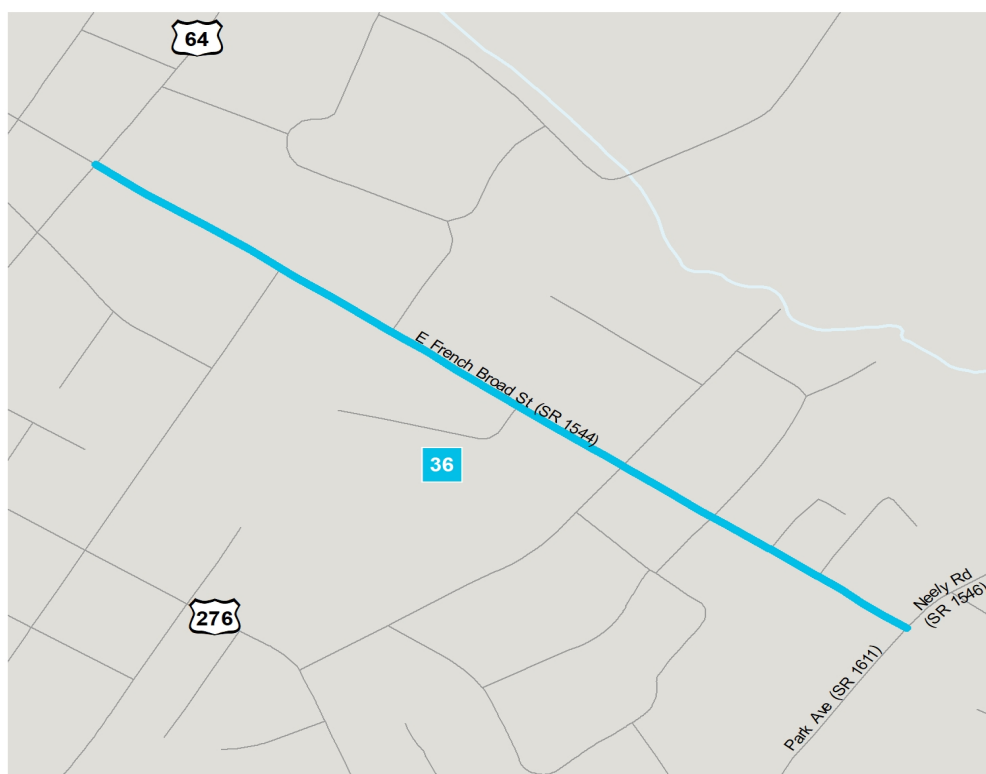
from US 64 to Neely Road (SR 1546)

Local ID: **TRAN0036-H**Purpose: **Facility Deficiencies**Improvement: **Improve Existing****Identified Need**

French Broad Street (SR 1544) has no paved shoulder and lane widths of 9 feet.

Recommendation

Improve alignment, lane widths, and shoulders to current design standards, including 5-foot paved shoulders.



Local ID #	Improve	New Location	Local ID #	Improve	New Location
Congestion / Mobility	#	—	Interchange	⊙	□
Access Management / Operations	#	—	Bridge / Overpass	⊙	○
Modernization	#	—	Intersection	⊙	△
Other	#	—			

Proposal At A Glance

Highway Class	Modernization
Facility Type	Minor Thoroughfare
Typical Section	02 E
Section Options	-
Estimated Cost	-
Length (miles)	0.57
Existing ROW (feet)	
Safety Risk Score	-

Proposal Data: 2017 Base Year 2045 Future Year

Improved Route	Existing	Without Proposal	With Proposal
Facility Type	Minor Thoroughfare	Minor Thoroughfare	Minor Thoroughfare
Travel Lanes	2	2	2
Volume (vpd)	3200	3600-4100	-
Capacity (vpd)	10200	10200	10200

Capacity Data: Year

Facility will be Approaching Capacity (>80%)	-
Facility will be Over Capacity (>=100%)	-

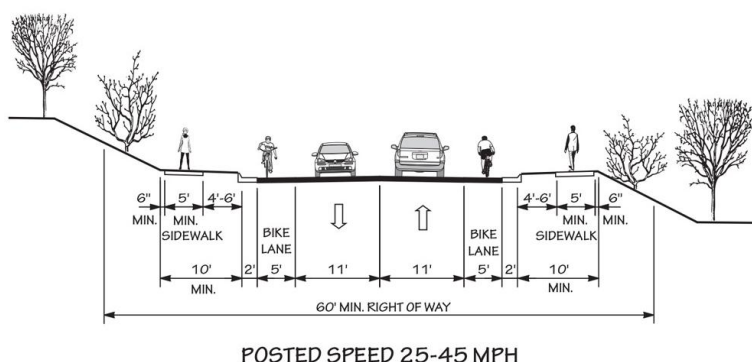


Typical Section Options:

None

TYPICAL SECTION No. 2E

2 LANE UNDIVIDED WITH CURB & GUTTER, BIKE LANES, AND SIDEWALKS

**Project Overview****Linkage to Other Plans**

According to the 2013 Blue Ridge Bike Plan, this facility is part of an "Other Bicycle Corridor" serving the region. It is classified as a major collector on the Federal Functional Classification System.

Multi-Modal Considerations

Transylvania County Transit, under the name "Transylvania in Motion" operates a fixed route as well as demand response system within the county. The deviated-fixed route does not reach this facility; however, it is within the demand-response area. The Transylvania County Bicycle Plan (2019) recommends either a bike lane or paved shoulder along this facility.

Goals & Objectives Survey

The citizens of Transylvania County responded to a public survey in early 2019 with a great deal of support for new greenways, sidewalks, and multi-use paths. When asked for their top three most important project types, these categories ranked first, third and fifth, out of a dozen choices. Rounding out the top five were maintenance and safety projects at second and fourth respectfully. When asked to rank transportation goals, the respondents gave two, preservation of the natural beauty and community character and increasing the number transportation mode choices, substantial net positive scores; improved connectivity, and economic development about neutral; and improved travel time was poorly scored, receiving over 50% of the lowest rank.

Natural & Human Environmental Context

Based on planning level environmental assessment using available GIS data, the proposed project intersects the French Broad River local watershed. The project is in proximity of Franklin Park, the historic Brevard College

Stone Fence and Gate, the historic Miller-Duckett US Army Reserve Center, and the East Main Street Historic District.